

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	25.12.83	MIN.	MAX.	
AMSTERDAM	1 34	7 46	Cloudy	
BRUSSELS	1 34	7 46	Cloudy	
BUEENOS AIRES	15 50	26 77	Clear	
CHICAGO	33 28	24 11	Clear	
COPENHAGEN	1 34	3 37	Rain	
FRANKFURT	10 50	12 50	Cloudy	
GENEVA	6 43	16 61	Clear	
HELSINKI	2 26	3 37	Rain	
HONG KONG	11 52	17 58	Cloudy	
JOHANNESBURG	17 53	22 33	Cloudy	
LISBON	8 40	18 61	Clear	
LONDON	11 52	13 55	Cloudy	
MADRID	9 46	13 35	Clear	
MONTREAL	20 4 11	12 32	Cloudy	
NEW YORK	13 8 4	26 45	Cloudy	
OSLO	7 18	1 34	Cloudy	
PARIS	11 51	14 37	Cloudy	
RIO DE JANEIRO	20 58	31 88	Cloudy	
SAO PAULO	19 56	28 84	Cloudy	
STOCKHOLM	5 23	1 34	Cloudy	
TOKYO	15 5 13	8 46	Clear	
WILMUNA	4 39	10 50	Cloudy	
ZURICH	6 43	16 61	Clear	

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Chance of rain with isolated thunderstorms.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	68	8-13	11
Coast	39	8-14	12
Naburva	40	7-20	17
Safad	42	7-12	11
Haifa Port	47	12-18	17
Tiberias	43	10-21	18
Nazareth	44	8-19	14
Alula	5	5-11	17
Shimon	42	6-15	13
Tel Aviv	66	10-17	16
B-A Airport	53	9-18	16
Jericho	40	6-20	18
Gaza	78	10-16	16
Beersheba	56	5-16	16
Eilat	27	7-21	19

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Yair Horowitz, legal adviser of the Jerusalem Municipality, will speak at the Jerusalem Rotary Week meeting at 7 p.m. today in the King David Hotel, about legal questions facing the municipality.

Spanish surrealist Miro dies at 90

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain (AP). — Joan Miro, the Spanish surrealist known for his playful paintings in brilliant colors, died yesterday at his son's home, his relatives said. He was 90 and had suffered from heart disease. Miro used vivid hues to convey a sense of irony, eroticism, hallucinations and nature. He once said that to understand his work it was necessary to know the religious and magic content of things. At various stages, he was a cubist, surrealist and abstract painter. He stopped painting two years ago.

Miro had been bedridden since he left a clinic two weeks ago where he underwent a checkup for respiratory problems. He had a pacemaker installed a year ago because of heart trouble. Last week, his doctor and brother-in-law, Luis Juncosa, said the painter was suffering from old age and no treatment was possible. Unlike Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali, fellow great modern painters, Miro shunned the spotlight. "I am Miro," he said in one of his infrequent interviews. "I have invented nothing."

LEVY PLEDGES

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home not only bread, but also meat. Sabag recalled that the Alignment-dominated Histadrut is the biggest employer in Yeroham. "I don't see what the Likud government... is contributing to the development towns," he said, adding, "I am for settlement in Judea and Samaria, but I am against using all the state's resources only in Judea and Samaria."

There was no doubt, however, that Levy still commanded the support of the scores of people who attended the meeting at Herut headquarters.

He called for a package deal between the Histadrut and private employers which would guarantee employment and no erosion in wages. "There is no escaping (such a deal). The government must take the first step," he said.

He told his party colleagues "not to despair" and cautioned against presenting the Alignment's economic policies as "the good way. We've tried it," he recalled, alluding to the mid-1960s recession. "More than 100,000 people suffered then. I am asking for a sense of proportion," Levy added.

SAFE. — A 300-kilogram safe, whose contents are still unreported, was stolen Saturday night from the offices of the Kiryat Gat Religious Council.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Move requiring deposit of papers miffs ministers

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Cabinet ministers are unhappy about a proposal for draft legislation, initiated by the State Archives and sponsored by the Justice Ministry, requiring ministers and deputy ministers to send all the originals of their personal papers relating to state, public and political affairs to the Archives.

The proposal, which first came to the cabinet earlier in the year, and was sent to the Committee of Ministers for Legislation, returned to the cabinet yesterday but was again referred to the Committee.

A number of ministers pointed out that if the existing legislation concerning archives were strictly enforced and if ministers and their deputies respected the legislation,

tighter regulations would not be needed.

Recent press reports about the late deputy premier Simha Ehrlich having in his safe at home the transcript of a conversation he held with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis have given the issue of official archives a timely angle. However, the proposed legislation precedes those reports.

In yesterday's discussion, one of the ministers said it was absurd to demand that each time he delivered a public speech he would be obliged to file the script in the State Archives.

However, most ministers seem prepared to accept an amendment which would give them the right to inspect papers they deposit in the State Archives at any time.

Talks set on airport dispute between ministry and IDF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Transport Ministry director-general Uzi Landau and his counterpart in the Defence Ministry, Menahem Meron, are to meet soon to settle a dispute in which soldiers are barred from checking in for flights at Eilat airport on Sundays and the army threatens to bar foreign charter planes from landing at the Uvda Air Base.

Transport Ministry and Airport Authority sources said the Israel Defence Forces had agreed that soldiers will not check in for flights at Eilat airport on Sundays because the small terminal is overcrowded then. Soldiers are to check in at Beit Hahayal or the town major's office and be driven to the planes, the sources said.

But the army was annoyed that soldiers were barred from entering

the terminal. Military sources noted the ban had been imposed only after the IDF stopped using Arkia planes and said "it was strange that as long as they flew Arkia there were no problems in the terminal."

The IDF retaliated by threatening to stop European charter flights landing at the Uvda Air Base. The military airport is used for planes which are too big to land in Eilat.

and added: "if we're not good enough for the terminal in Eilat — maybe the tourists don't suit the terminal in Uvda."

However, the army has yet to implement its threat and two planes — one from Germany and one from Britain — landed at Uvda yesterday.

No date for the Landau-Meron meeting had been set yet, the Transport Ministry's spokesman said.

Fugitive convict surrenders after siege

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A fugitive prisoner yesterday barricaded himself in a room of his brother-in-law's house here for several hours before giving himself up to police.

Mordechai Tauber, 34, disappeared last August while on a 24-hour leave — his third — from Ma'asiyahu prison, where he is serving a 30-month sentence for armed robbery in 1982. Yesterday morning an argument broke out at the home of his married sister, during which he allegedly threatened her, her husband and their 10-year-old daughter with a pistol.

The brother-in-law apparently wrestled the pistol from him and then Tauber locked himself into a room of the flat, saying he had another pistol and several grenades. The argument was observed by the

doorman of the Sheraton Hotel, opposite the Rehov Hayarkon flat, who called the police.

Tel Aviv district police chief Nitzav Avraham Turgeman personally negotiated with Tauber and convinced him to surrender. When he was taken into custody, Tauber was reportedly armed only with a plastic pistol. There were previously unexplained reports that shots had been fired, however, and Tauber had a light wound on one leg from an undisclosed cause.

Speaking to reporters as he was led from the apartment, Tauber said he had quarrelled with his brother-in-law over a letter he wanted to write the president. "I'm sitting in jail for something I didn't do and it hurts me," Tauber told the press.

Police believe Jlem woman was killed

Police in Jerusalem are inclined to believe that Fortuna Levy, 65, whose burnt and lifeless body was found in her apartment last Thursday, was murdered.

Investigators disclosed yesterday that a jerrycan of kerosene was found in Levy's apartment, although the apartment was heated by a central heating system and

although Levy was known to fear kerosene stoves.

Also found in the apartment were several charred matches near Levy's body but beyond her reach, as well as bloodstains on the wall.

Police expect to have further details to aid them following an autopsy. (Itim)

Man, wife in hospital after murder-suicide try

By LIORA MOREL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A 35-year-old man and his 30-year-old wife are in hospital here after a murder-suicide attempt, police said yesterday. Yesterday morning, the man, Ben-Ami Levin, believed to be heavily in debt, told his estranged wife Rimona he was in serious difficulty and had to flee the country. After

she refused to help him, the man fired two shots at her chest and one at his own head with a 22-calibre pistol, police said.

The woman managed to run a short distance before a car stopped and took her to Soroka Hospital. An ambulance later brought the man there. The man is in serious condition, and the woman is in fair condition.

Teachers' union vows strike over advance

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Secondary School Teachers Association decided last night that teachers who do not receive their cost-of-living advance by 11 a.m. this morning will walk off the job until the advance is paid. The union had received reports that some local authorities in the centre of the country including Ashkelon, Ashdod and Yehud did not pay the advance yesterday.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Histadrut Teachers Union and

the Secondary School Teachers Association will meet this afternoon with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in his capacity as acting education minister, to express their dissatisfaction with the Ministry of Education's decision not to hire substitute teachers for the first three days of the regular teacher's absence.

The Histadrut Teachers Union will also hold a demonstration at the Knesset at 3 p.m. today on the same issue.

Woman killed in crash, husband seriously hurt

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — A woman was killed yesterday and her husband seriously injured when their car struck a roadside post on Jabotinsky Avenue at the town's western entrance. Their car burst into flames and they were trapped inside.

Passers-by pulled the two from the vehicle. The crew of a Magen David Adom ambulance which arrived on the scene gave first aid, but called a mobile intensive-care unit from Ramat Gan when they

realized the seriousness of the woman's condition. After 20 minutes of resuscitation efforts, the crew declared the woman dead. The husband was taken to nearby Beilinson Hospital in serious condition. The names of the victims have not yet been released.

SUSPICIOUS SONG. — A suspicious-looking package, received yesterday from a West German firm by Beit Shemesh Engines Ltd., played a recording of *Merry Christmas* when opened by policeappers.

NEW STATION. — A police station was dedicated yesterday in the Beduin town of Rahat in the Negev.



SON OF J.R. — Nine-year-old Omri Katz at a Tel Aviv hotel yesterday. Omri, the U.S.-born son of Israelis living in Los Angeles, beat thousands of other hopefuls and will portray J.R. Ewing's son John Ross in the *Dallas* television series. (Israel Sun)

Health Ministry to weigh policy on acupuncture

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Representatives of the acupuncturist association and of vegetarian and naturopathic groups will meet this week with Health Minister Eliezer Shostak to discuss ways and means of acquiring official sanction for their activities.

Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat, a confirmed vegetarian, helped fix the meeting and will also attend, it is understood.

An outline for legislation to regularize the work of the acupuncturists was discussed at yesterday's weekly cabinet session and referred back to the Committee of Ministers on Legislation for further study.

The Health Ministry has dropped its original proposal that only doctors be allowed to practise acupuncture and now agrees that

acupuncturists require recognized training, diplomas and Health Ministry certification only.

The cabinet is at present divided between the view advocated by Minister without Portfolio Sara Doron, that acupuncturists can work only after a patient has been diagnosed by a doctor and referred to them by a doctor; and Ben-Porat's position that the doctor's diagnosis is enough, while the referral can lead to unethical practice.

Doron told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the Health Ministry must keep a close watch on the practice of acupuncture in the best interests of the public.

Ben-Porat told *The Post* that the Health Ministry must organize itself as soon as possible to create a formal framework for the paramedical professions which have been ignored in this country for too long.

Haifa labour group plans Sabbath films

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Labour Council is pressing for the opening of cinemas and other cultural events on Friday nights in retaliation against moves by certain religious factions in the city to stop public transport on Sabbath, its spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The council's first step will be to screen films on Friday night at the Histadrut owned Ora cinema on Herzl Street.

The spokesman said the council's Department of Education and Culture will help arrange transport from suburban Histadrut centres to the city. Entrance fees to the

cinema will be included in the bus fares, he said.

The move will contravene the city's long standing status quo on religious matters, which permits public transport on Sabbath but not Friday night cinema shows.

Mayor Arye Gurel, vowed prior to the municipal elections, to uphold the status quo which was also endorsed by the three member United Religious Front in the city council when they signed a coalition agreement with Gurel's controlling Alignment group.

The Post was told that the call to stop public transport on Sabbath had been made by religious factions in the city who were putting pressure on the religious councillors.

Arson linked to Tiberias hotel fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Investigators have found evidence of arson in a fire that caused heavy damage to the Nitzan Hotel here last night.

The hotel had been the scene of weekly meetings by Christian missionaries which had drawn local residents and which Ultra-Orthodox elements had criticized vigorously.

Last week the hotel owners acceded to Ultra-Orthodox demands and threats and discontinued the meetings. The owners blamed the ultra-Orthodox for the fire.

The hotel was first vandalized and then torched. A large contingent of firefighters succeeded in controlling the blaze before it spread to adjoining buildings.

Christian Arabs ask that youth be drafted

ACRE (Itim). — A group of Christian notables from the North yesterday asked that the government impose the compulsory military service law on Israeli Christian Arab young men.

The notables were meeting with the prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs, Benjamin Gur-Arye. He told them that if such youths came forward and asked to be inducted into the IDF, this would be looked on favourably, and those who were found suitable would be accepted.

Recently several young men from the Christian villages of Rama and Kafr Yasif in Galilee volunteered for the IDF. They are to be inducted soon.

Panel to find money for Negev rail link

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday decided that a special subcommittee from the Transport Ministry and the Treasury will examine ways of financing the establishment of a railroad line connecting the Dead Sea area with Eilat. The committee is to submit its recommendations by the end of April.

The ministerial committee also decided to establish a conveyor system near Sdom that will carry potash from the Dead Sea Works.

MEMORIAL. — A forest is to be planted overlooking the Ayalon Valley near Latrun in memory of former chief of staff Haim Laskov.

Egypt-Jordan agreement marks end of trade boycott

AMMAN (Reuters). — Egypt, still technically on an Arab boycott list, yesterday signed a protocol with Jordan aimed at reviving economic ties between the two countries.

The protocol is the first to be concluded since Jordan and most other Arab governments imposed an economic and political boycott on Egypt for signing the peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Jordanian Trade and Industry Minister Walid Ausfour and Egyptian Economy and Trade Minister Mustapha Kamel Said made no reference to the boycott in their brief speeches at the signing of the protocol. But Said had earlier told reporters that the event marked the end of Jordan's boycott of Egypt.

Moderate Arab leaders, including King Hussein of Jordan, are to lift the Arab League boycott of Egypt. A meeting between Egyptian leader Yasser Arafat and President Hosni Mubarak on Thursday has been interpreted as a step in that direction.

Details of the protocol were immediately available, by Egyptian minister had stated that Jordan and Egypt had agreed unlimited duty-free exchange goods.

Egyptian officials said protocol was advantageous to Jordan's depressed economy, opened a market of close to 10 million Egyptians for such goods as refrigerators, stove tiles and cement.

Last Deir al-Kamar evacuees leave

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — In the final phase of the evacuation of Deir al-Kamar over the weekend, some 1,500 civilians in more than 200 vehicles left the town in the Shouf and travelled to Beirut by way of Damour.

The convoy was fired on as it passed through the Druse village of Kfar Him. One evacuee was wounded.

A total of 5,000 civilians and

1,500 Phalangists were brought of the town during the evacuation which began early in the month was overseen by the IDF, the Cross and the Lebanese damerie.

The IDF is continuing to north of the Awali.

Thousands of Christians in Deir al-Kamar, but their situation now that the evacuation has completed is unclear.

U.S. OFFICIALS

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live opposition among some senior policymakers, although they are understandably reluctant to go public in opposing a position which now has Reagan's personal backing.

"The president, unfortunately, is going to fall flat on his face again," one U.S. critic commented. "He's been sold another bill of goods."

Israel has reacted angrily to this abrupt shift in U.S. policy — as have its supporters in the organized Jewish community and elsewhere around the country. So far, however, there has been little outcry from Capitol Hill because of the holiday recess. The House of Representatives and Senate are scheduled to reconvene only at the end of January.

Reagan, in the weekend interview, flatly rejected Israel's contention that Arafat's meeting last Thursday with President Hosni Mubarak represented a violation of the Camp David accords. "I don't think it was a violation," Reagan said.

In fact, other U.S. officials went one step further. They confirmed that Washington had quietly encouraged Mubarak to welcome Arafat in Cairo, even though he had

been badly weakened by fighting in Tripoli.

Dominating official U.S. thinking is the clear conviction that remains the most popular Palestinian leader in the West Bank Gaza and is the only Palestinian who can give a necessary green to Hussein to join the process.

In short, the Americans believe they need Arafat to revive talks. One U.S. official refers to him as "our last hope."

It was this attitude which explains — at least partially — why the sought to facilitate a safe evacuation for Arafat and his men Tripoli last week. The Arafat also cited humanitarian concerns the civilian population of the

Thus, Reagan administration officials are willing to ignore A record of terrorism and his relationship with the Soviet Union. In justifying this approach, U.S. officials insisted that Mubarak other moderate Arab leaders, more likely to convince a weakened Arafat to accept U.S.-sponsored peace process, vice versa — namely, that would succeed in radicalizing pro-American Arab leaders.

IRE OVER ARAFAT

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the Reagan-Shamir summit and the "strategic cooperation" that is to grow from it.

The source felt that Washington's openly approving attitude was definitely a key consideration in Cairo's decision to go ahead with the invitation to Arafat. An opposite approach by Washington might well have swayed Mubarak against the meeting.

Cabinet policymakers insisted there was no crisis in relations with Washington. On the contrary, the radiation of warmth from the Reagan-Shamir encounters still continued, they said. They hoped that both sides would want to limit the present tension to the specific issue of dispute — the Palestinian problem — and press ahead with the other areas of cooperation.

They believed this would be possible because the ostensible

"moderation" of Arafat and the Reagan Plan would counteract. They predicted King sein would once again re-enter the peace process. The dispute between Israel and the over the implementation of Reagan Plan would be hypothetical, as it has been now.

But these were hopes rather confident assessments, and the plainly concern in Jerusalem things might not work out quite conveniently.

For every official who seeks fort and succour in the upcoming presidential election camp there is another who will recall relations between Washington Jerusalem plummeted to their point during the Sinai Camp just before the November, election.

Arab workers reported staying illegally in TA

BAT YAM (Itim). — Twenty to 25 per cent of the 60,000 workers from the administered territories who work in the Tel Aviv area spend the night in the area although most lack permission, Tel Aviv police district commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman said at a press conference here yesterday.

Turgeman said the police have been making selective checks in Arab residences two or three even-

ings per week. He said it is not to blame all of the Tel Aviv crime problem on Arab workers. Turgeman said the police believe there is no connection between various cases of missing children, different parts of the country, said: "There is no link between case of Nava Elimelech and the of the youth David Sterikovsky, there hasn't been any link between Nava Elimelech and I ny Katz in Haifa."

To Betty Dichterman
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Grandchildren, Fred, Jonathan, Rachel, Doron
The Harlev, Wassermann, Leban, Handelman,
Bokstein, Gur-Aryeh, Gur-Avi and Bar-Netz Families

Pressure government in missing Argentinians

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Israelis who have lives among the 1,500 Jews missing in Argentina complained yesterday that the government, probably political and economic reasons, had not done all it could to save relatives or even to demand information about them.

Erich, attorney for the missing, told reporters here that the Ministry had had no plan for dealing with the issue in the years the military junta was in power. The *ad hoc* Knesset committee which had been formed in the wake of the appeal to the High Court (justice) to visit Argentina was given government backing but has not made the trip.

low that there has been a change of government in Argentina the new government is investigating the crimes of the military junta, the Knesset committee would go there as an expression of solidarity with the investigation, to recover something of the debt we have lost for not fulfilling our obligations to our fellow

Erlich said.

read from testimony before national organizations by victims of the military junta. One said that Jewish men in one Argentine concentration camp were asked each day whether in Argentina should be tortured. They were beaten no matter they answered. Another said he heard a dog barking and someone tell the dog to

wag its tail. "I had thought it was really a dog until I saw it was a Jewish prisoner," the witness was quoted as saying.

Testimony was provided to the reporters by Gabriela Geuna, formerly of Cordoba, Argentina and now a law student in Switzerland who came to Israel to tell what happened during her two-year incarceration. "We knew some of us would survive and promised each other that whoever survived would tell the tale," she said.

"They stripped us naked and tied us to metal beds where we got electric shocks, were kicked and were beaten. The worst torture, however, was the feeling of helplessness. We were not official prisoners with lawyers or with families who knew our whereabouts. Though we were only 20 kilometres from Cordoba, we had disappeared from public view and could have been on another planet," Geuna said.

She said Jewish prisoners were not arrested because they were Jewish, but got worse treatment in the camps than did non-Jewish prisoners. "One officer even referred to himself as an inquisitor. They believed they were carrying out God's will," she said.

Erlich said he hopes the government will take advantage of the changed political situation in Argentina to make a greater effort to find out what has befallen the 1,500 missing Jews and to bring to Israel those who can still be saved, as well as the remains of those who have died.

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The group now has 120 members and its magazine sells some 500 copies. Poems from it are included in Israeli and foreign anthologies. The magazine accepts all poems, with the exception of "obscenities, smut and pornography," for consideration by the editorial board.

The Voices group holds monthly meetings in the three main cities and occasional gatherings in other towns.

The group's main problem is lack of funds, and all efforts to get support from foundations, institutions or governmental agencies have so far been unsuccessful.

Zipori aide: Bigger Volvo is better

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Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori is being chauffeured in a new 2,000-cc. engine Volvo, even though the government's committee on vehicles has not approved its purchase.

Zipori, according to Israel Radio, previously used a Volvo with a 1,800 cc. engine, which was purchased two-and-a-half years ago. The new car is larger and considerably more expensive than that allowed by government regulations.

Ministry spokesman Zecharia Mizrotsky said that the old car suffered from regular breakdowns, and that the minister travels for business a great deal. Thus, he reasoned, the larger-engine Volvo will actually save the state money.

Katzav won't contest aliya department post

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Deputy Construction and Housing Minister Moshe Katzav has decided not to be a candidate for the post of chairman of the Jewish Agency's aliya department.

Katzav, whose assistants last week called newspapers to promote the deputy-minister's candidacy, told Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Duzin that he was not interested in the job. Over a week ago, Duzin had called Katzav to propose that Katzav — a prominent member of Herut — try to win Herut's nomination for the job, which was vacated by Raphael Kotlowitz.

Katzav did not make public his reasons for declining the proposal, but he reportedly wants to see what changes will take place in his ministry if and when Construction and Housing Minister David Levy succeeds in being named foreign minister.

TOMATOES. — Two hundred and fifty crates of tomatoes were stolen over the weekend from the field of a member of Moshav Mivtahim in the Negev. The farmer told police that 230 empty crates were also stolen from the same field yesterday. The police have begun an investigation.

'Catastrophe' seen for welfare institutions

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The institutions operated by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs "are on the verge of a catastrophe, and the system will start collapsing within 48 hours," ministry director-general Asher Ohayon warned last night.

He said there was no progress yesterday towards a resolution of the wage demands of the ministry staff, and that the 100,000 children and adults served by ministry institutions will soon find themselves out in the street. Sanctions by the staff have prevented the suppliers of these institutions from being paid, and they are about to run out of food and fuel.

Ohayon said that he received "dozens of cables" yesterday from directors of day-care centres, homes for the aged and the retarded, and boarding schools saying that their situation is desperate. He said that the staff committee turned down a special request to continue funding the institutions for the retarded, which house 10,000 people.

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Katzav did not make public his reasons for declining the proposal, but he reportedly wants to see what changes will take place in his ministry if and when Construction and Housing Minister David Levy succeeds in being named foreign minister.

TOMATOES. — Two hundred and fifty crates of tomatoes were stolen over the weekend from the field of a member of Moshav Mivtahim in the Negev. The farmer told police that 230 empty crates were also stolen from the same field yesterday. The police have begun an investigation.



The body of 77-year-old Yakub Musa, guard at Jerusalem's Franciscan cemetery, lies where he was murdered on Christmas Eve. (Rahamim Ismail)

Guard stabbed to death at Franciscan cemetery

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 77-year-old man was brutally beaten and stabbed to death early yesterday during an apparent robbery attempt at his one-room house on Jerusalem's Mt. Zion.

Yakub Musa, the guard since 1967 at the Franciscan cemetery on Mt. Zion, was found dead amidst the scattered rubble of his possessions, torn apart by robbers searching for valuables.

Police were at a loss yesterday to determine what the robbers ex-

pected to find in the man's house — a one-room building at the top of the sloping cemetery overlooking the Hinnom Valley.

On the scene yesterday was a mobile police lab. Its technicians had a hard time finding fingerprints amid the debris of the struggle that apparently took place during the murder. Bloodsoaked feathers ripped out of pillows, upturned drawers from a chest of clothing, smashed dishes and glassware, all littered the tiny room where the man had lived.

Brother-in-law's killer gets life imprisonment

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Avner Jibli, 22, yesterday was convicted in the district court here of murdering his brother-in-law, taxi driver Danny Oren, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Jibli shot Oren twice with a pistol in his cab in September 1982. In establishing a case of first-degree murder, the prosecution cited various conflicting accounts of the crime by Jibli, as well as the fact that Jibli fled to Eilat in an attempt to escape the country.

Jibli's two sisters, Ronit, 25, and Nava, 26, are under indictment as accessories after the fact. The prosecution has accused them of washing Jibli's bloodstained clothes after the murder and accompanying him to Eilat.

HOME CARE. — The 18 follow-up cancer-treatment units of the Kupat Holim Cholim health insurance fund treated 4,150 bed-ridden patients at home during 1983, for a total of 12,650 visits.

AKIM opens annual drive for the mentally retarded

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Projects for the benefit of the mentally retarded costing about \$2 million, much of it donated by Jews from abroad, are now being constructed or completed around the country by AKIM, it was announced yesterday at the annual ceremony opening the organization's "Roof for the Mentally Handicapped" campaign.

The campaign opens on Wednesday.

Among the projects is Beit AKIM in Tel Aviv, which will be opened today at a ceremony attended by Mayor Shlomo Lahat. In addition, a sophisticated day centre for Arab retarded will soon open in Kafr Kanna. Five day care centres for small children now being built in Neuvot, Beit Shemesh, Bat Yam and Petah Tikva will accommodate 150 retarded youngsters.

Another recent project is an advisory service for the parents of newborn mentally handicapped children. Parents with older retarded children counsel families immediately after the first shock of being informed about the disability of their babies, offering encouragement and the benefit of their own experience.

AKIM is also encouraging more retarded people to take part in sports. Eight Israeli athletes with mental handicaps recently took part

in an Olympics for the retarded in Louisiana, returning with eight medals, including several gold medals.

At yesterday's ceremony, held at Beit Hanassi, President Chaim Herzog called on the public to contribute generously to the association for the retarded, despite economic circumstances which have made it more difficult for many to give. Herzog presented a cheque for \$12,000 to AKIM's chairman Yitzhak Gengatz.

The president noted that every society can be judged by its treatment of its weakest elements — the old, the helpless and the different. Israel is one of the few countries whose national ethos contains the ideal of sanctity of human life, he said.

Herzog added that Israeli society still has to rid itself of some of its mis-conceptions about the retarded, many of whom can be well integrated into Israeli life.

Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion Rubin said that government budget cutters often view programmes for the handicapped as "superfluous and the first to go," when required to reduce spending. Thus, he said, must not be allowed to happen.

Over 250 guests, including donors from abroad, attended the ceremony, which opened and closed with songs performed by a choir of handicapped children.

Railway employees cut strike short

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Train services throughout the country will be back to normal today following a decision by the 1,000 Israel Railways employees in the North to call off their scheduled three-day strike.

The strike, which brought passenger services throughout the country to a standstill yesterday (with the exception of the single return train from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv) and also stopped freight services in the North, was to have gone on for another two days.

The decision was made at a meeting between the works committee and the representatives of the Haifa Labour Council yesterday afternoon.

The committee was told that the Civil Servants Administration had agreed to some of the workers' demands for various wage increments including upgrading and bonuses for manual workers.

They were promised that a special committee of the Histadrut and Finance Ministry would meet

on Thursday to thrash out their other demands for an overall 30 per cent wage rise and a change of ownership of the railways. The employees are in favour of proposals to take Israel Railways out of government ownership and put it into the hands of a private company.

Management warned the employees that their wages would be docked.

Financial body set up by Moshav Movement

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Moshav Movement has set up a body to give financial management services to moshavim and economic enterprises of the movement. The new body is headed by Reuven Kushnir.

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1,000 Nazi collaborators said living in Canada

TORONTO (Reuter). — Canada is home to more than 1,000 Nazi collaborators who should be rooted out and brought to justice, says the author of a book about the first alleged war criminal ever extradited from this country.

Helmut Rauca, accused of assisting in the killing of more than 11,300 Lithuanian Jews during World War II, died in a Frankfurt prison hospital last October while awaiting trial.

Reporter Sol Littman, who pieced together the Rauca story by interviewing Holocaust survivors from Tel Aviv to Toronto and talking to Nazi hunters in both Germany, says there are still 1,000 Nazi collaborators living undisturbed in Canada.

"They are from countries where nationalists collaborated with the Nazis — from the Baltic countries, Ukrainian areas, Galicia, the

Slovaks and Croats. They range from the mayors of towns where Jews were persecuted to people in auxiliary police forces and murder squads," he said.

He said that in the Cold War years of the 1940s, "the secret services of Britain and the U.S. competed to recruit these people and appealed to other governments to let them in."

Littman said: "Canada took in a number of people who the British and U.S. secret services wanted to warehouse for future use. They came in under false pretences."

He added: "Canada's War Crimes Act should be amended to permit civilian trials. The trial procedure is essentially military at present and that offends people."

"We need a special division set up in or alongside the Mounties which would be similar to the U.S. Justice Department group whose sole task is to hunt down Nazi

criminals and collaborators and deprive them of their citizenship."

In his book, *War Criminals on Trial*, Littman alleges that SS Master Sergeant Helmut Rauca was a sinister and deeply feared figure among the 30,000 Jews crammed into the ghetto of Kaunas, a Lithuanian industrial city, who did his work so well that only three children were left alive there by the end of his reign as "Jewish affairs specialist."

They say he stood in the Kaunas main square, with a wire-tipped whip in one hand and a straining Alsatian in the other, and personally chose 9,200 "useless mouths" who were taken away and never seen again.

In "Operation Intellectuals," 534 people were detained at random and shot. During "Operation Valuables," when Jews were asked to hand in all their personal riches, one eyewitness saw him shoot dead

a man after a silver fork was found lying in his backyard.

The most heart-breaking roundup was "Operation Children," when, Littman said, "Younger children were hidden in closets, attics and basements while their parents were at work."

"If their cries didn't betray them, Dobermans and Alsatians smelled out their hiding places," he writes.

In a scene reminiscent of the agonizing decision faced by a Polish woman in the novel and film *Sophie's Choice*, he describes how one young mother pleaded with the Gestapo man riding shotgun on his truck to give back her two babies.

The Gestapo man offered to hand just one over. The woman, unlike the character played by Meryl Streep in the film, was unable to choose and "she climbed on to the truck and rode to her death with her children."

Andropov health mystery may be resolved today or tomorrow

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Two Soviet leadership meetings this week are expected to offer new clues about the health of President Yuri Andropov and his hold on power in the Kremlin.

Andropov, 69, is due to chair a plenum of the Communist Party Central Committee either today or tomorrow and should be present at a session of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) on December 28.

If he attends either of the two gatherings, due to approve the 1984 economic plan, it would be his first public appearance for four months

and effectively curtail speculation that he is too ill to carry out his duties.

But if Andropov misses the meetings, doubts about his condition are bound to intensify and some western diplomats believe there will be pressure within the party for him to stand down.

The two gatherings are normally routine events but they do offer a platform to announce changes in the ruling Politburo and the government.

Diplomats consider such moves

unlikely at present following Andropov's long absence.

But they added that if the Kremlin chief did manage to bring supporters into the top ranks of the leadership it would be a sign that he had strengthened his political power despite his illness.

Andropov has not been seen in public or by western visitors since August 18. Official reports that he is suffering only from a cold have been ridiculed in the western press.

Soviet officials admitted last summer that the president suffered a kidney problem and most western

commentators believe this may have been the cause of his long absence.

The Soviet leader looked haggard and needed support when walking during his last public appearances in the summer.

But a rough assessment of his present condition will be possible only if he attends the Supreme Soviet, which is relayed on television and open to the foreign press.

The Central Committee meeting which precedes it is held behind closed doors and not even Soviet photographers are admitted.

Italian kidnappers release jewelry heiress and son

ROME (AP). — Kidnappers on Christmas Eve freed an heiress of Italy's internationally famous Bulgari jewelry store and her teenage son, whose ear they had cut off as a warning and left in a trash can, police said.

A top official at a private Rome hospital said early yesterday that doctors will attempt to re-attach the severed right ear of 16-year-old Giorgio Calisconi, which was cut off in a "rough manner" sometime last week.

"From a medical point of view it is possible. It has been done in the past," the official at Paideia Clinic said in an interview at the medical facility. The ear has been kept in a freezer at the clinic.

Doctors at the clinic said Giorgio has developed a slight infection in the wound and that they expected to operate on him in a few days.

They said Giorgio's mother, 56-year-old Anna Bulgari Calisconi, suffered no physical injuries but was still in a state of shock.

As police officials questioned Giorgio and his mother in the clinic, hundreds of policemen with dogs searched the area south of Rome where the two had been freed by the abductors.

Carmine Punzi, the family's lawyer, was quoted by the Italian news agency ANSA as admitting a ransom had been paid. But he said it was "way below" the reported figure of 4 billion lire (\$2.4 million).

Punzi told ANSA that the pair spent most of the time in captivity outdoors in freezing weather, blindfolded and with ear plugs. They were frequently forced to make long walks at night and "never ate a hot meal" during their ordeal, he said.

Iran will expel French diplomats

PARIS (AP). — The French Foreign Ministry announced yesterday that three French diplomats had been ordered to leave Iran in the latest phase of a diplomatic tug-of-war between the two countries.

On Friday, the French announced they were closing the Islamic Centre in Paris and planned to expel three Iranians employed by the Iranian Embassy here for activities "incompatible with their diplomatic status" — presumably espionage.

Earlier this month, the Iranians shut down two French cultural in-

stitutes housed at the Egyptian Embassy in Tehran. Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said on Tehran Radio that the expulsion of the three French diplomats was a reaction to the French government's "criminal acts" against Iranian students and other Iranian nationals in France.

Meanwhile, Tehran Radio reported that 16 people were executed in Iran at dawn yesterday after being convicted of supplying and distributing narcotics, particularly heroin, and setting up an international gang to smuggle the drugs.

Iran says Iraqi missile killed six

LONDON (Reuter). — Iran said at least six people were killed and 53 wounded yesterday by a single Iraqi long-range missile fired at the southern Iranian town of Masjed Soleyman.

The Iranian national news agency IRNA, received here, said the missile had destroyed 20 houses in the town, in Khuzestan province about 170 kilometres from the Iraqi border.

Iraq reported that Iranian forces shot down one of their own fighter planes near the border.

The Baghdad communique said

Iranian forces had shot down the plane, "which proves the state of confusion and fear prevailing over the Iranian army."

MERIT. — Jeanne Sauve, 61, appointed last week as Canada's first woman governor-general, says she believes merit and not sex was the prime issue in choosing who should replace former governor-general Ed Schreyer. She was the first woman speaker of the Canadian House of Commons in 1980.

Pope's Yule message raps arms race

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope John Paul II, in his Christmas Day message to the world, strongly attacked arms spending and called for dialogue to find "equitable and honourable" solutions to tensions.

He asserted that "enormous sums" being spent on weapons deprive the starving people of food and "make ever more threatening the clouds gathering on the horizon of humanity."

The pope delivered his Urbi et

Orbi (To the City and the World) message and Christmas greetings to 50,000 pilgrims in 43 languages from the balcony over the main entrance of St. Peter's Basilica.

John Paul began his greetings in Italian and ended in Polish. The ceremony was telecast live to more than 30 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America, but as in the past four years, it was not relayed to Poland or any other Communist country.

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prepared by its intelligence research centre, go directly to the prime minister and to certain other ministers. Centre head Yitzhak Oron often reports to Shamir. Under previous premiers, neither the ministry's papers nor its top staffers had such direct access or frequent exposure.

Recommendations and proposals evolved at the daily session of senior staffers with Kimche are transmitted directly to the prime minister.

Some top officials believe this situation could quickly change for the worse if another minister is appointed to head the Foreign Ministry. The direct link to the premier would be severed.

But others feel the absence of a foreign minister is not the key factor here. Rather it is Shamir's personal inclination to give serious weight to the policy-input of the Foreign Ministry. This need not necessarily change if another minister is appointed.

Shamir is widely and reliably reported to be reluctant to appoint either of the present candidates, Herut's David Levy or the Liberals' Yitzhak Modai.

There was obvious bitterness in the top echelons of the Foreign Ministry that Ben-Meir's resignation had resulted in reports which had denigrated the status of the ministry as a whole. There was talk of "sour grapes" on Ben-Meir's part. And there were insistent rumours that the deputy minister had quit for pressing personal reasons, and not, as he insisted, primarily so as to devote more time to his party, the National Religious Party.

Top officials noted that it was

"always easy" to find persons at the ministry who were frustrated, personally, professionally, or politically, and who would readily project from their own subjective feelings onto the functioning of the ministry as a whole.

Other observers noted, too, that much "slipping" of the ministry's morale and of the professional pride of its officials had been achieved under Shamir by a string of infelicitous political or politically-motivated appointments to key diplomatic postings abroad. In certain cases, experienced and suitable in-house candidates were shunted aside in favour of palpably unsuitable nominees.

Coupled with this is a yawning ideological gulf that divides many of the ministry's senior men from the *Weltanschauung* of the minister (now the prime minister). While premier Menachem Begin was in power, his immediate coterie would incessantly dwell on these ideological differences, dismiss the notion of an apolitical civil service, and disparage the entire Foreign Ministry as "Mapainiks."

Top officials at the ministry said at the weekend it was entirely appropriate for Abba Eban MK (Alignment-Labour), as the opposition foreign affairs spokesman, to cast strictures on the Foreign Ministry. (Eban has tabled a motion for the Knesset agenda on the situation in the ministry.)

But, given the constant pre-eminence of defence-related thinking throughout Israel's history, and the consequent importance of the defence establishment in policymaking, the objective status of the Foreign Ministry today, relative to most periods in the past, was satisfactory, these officials said.

Sports

Youth Tourney

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 7th five-nation youth soccer tourney kicks off in Petah Tikva on Tuesday, with the participation of teams from Greece, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland and Israel. The competition will be on a league basis, the opening day's games being between Sweden against Rumania at noon and Israel against Switzerland at 2 p.m., both games to be played at the Hapoel stadium in Petah Tikva. Entry will be free to all games.

The last time this end-of-year tourney took place was two years ago, the war in Lebanon preventing teams from abroad coming here last year. Cup holders Portugal did not come this year for financial reasons, FA secretary general Yacov Freil said on Friday.

Twenty-five countries, including Egypt, were invited to send teams of players aged 16 to 18, but the tourney here competed with a similar youth event in Moscow, in which eight countries will be participating.

All the visiting teams will be accommodated at the Shefayim guest house, where a New Year's Eve party will be held.

National youth team coach Shmuel Perlman said he has been preparing a corps of 24 youth players for this tourney for the past three months. "We need to develop our youth football much more seriously than hitherto," Perlman said.

Programme

Sweden vs Rumania 12.00
Israel vs Switzerland 14.00
Wednesday: Yavne Rumania vs Greece 14.00
Nasrallah Jaffa Sweden vs Israel 16.00
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Petah Tikva Israel vs Rumania 14.00
Saturday: Yavne Rumania vs Switzerland 14.00
Maccabi Jaffa Sweden vs Israel 14.00
Monday: Yavne Switzerland vs Sweden 12.00
Yavne Greece vs Israel 14.00

Tribute to a playmaker

Post Sports Staff

AFLA. — The career of Itamar Marzel, captain of the Afeka and Israel basketball squads for several years, came to a fitting climax on Saturday night, when Afeka defeated an Israeli team 96-95 in a testimonial match in honour of the brilliant playmaker. Marzel, 32, has decided to lay up his basketball shoes in National League games, last time.

One of the most sagacious tacticians ever to represent his country, Marzel played for Israel 140 times, including five European championships.

In Saturday's festive game, Afeka were reinforced by Mickey Berkowitz, and won a real 17, 96-95, with Berkowitz scoring 22 points. But top scorer in the match was Doron Jamchev, with 28.

Davis Cup final

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — Sweden are gambling on Joakim Nyström in the Davis Cup final beginning here today, while Australian captain Neale Fraser is pinning his hopes on Pat Cash and John Fitzgerald, who played the singles in the semi-final victory over France, despite considerable difficulties with Cash because of his displays of temper on court.

Nyström, who surprised even himself when he won the New South Wales Open title last week, will line up with Mats Wilander in today's opening singles matches. He was chosen ahead of the much more experienced Anders Jarryd on the strength of his vastly improved form on Australia's grass courts.

Locals on the run

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hebrew University student Danon Felsenstein, 26, a recent immigrant from London, was the second fastest Israeli finisher after Yair Karmi in last week's Sea of Galilee International Marathon. Felsenstein clocked 2:28.41 and came eighth among the 65, 244 starters. Following his home alone among the home competitors were Amital Almag (2:29.22) and Avi Appel (2:31.24), both of whom achieved their best times in date in spite of the difficult conditions.

London-born athlete Sharon Shaw, 17, running in her first marathon, completed the course in the good time of 4:29, to finish sixth among the 25 women entries.

Imram is back

MELBOURNE (AP). — Pakistan's champion all-rounder Imran Khan will lead an injury-free side into the vital fourth Test against Australia at the Melbourne cricket ground starting today. "Imran will definitely be in the side," said Pakistan team manager Imtiaz Alam after a closed session at the MCC centre away from a public and media yesterday.

Ber Imtiaz said Imran, who has been sidelined for four months because of a stress fracture in his left shinbone, would not bowl, only bat and field.

Make or break

Post Sports Staff

The next eight days may mean make or break for many of England's soccer teams. Between today and next Tuesday, January 3, most of the 92 teams will play crucial games. At the end of the season, promotion hopes and relegation fears will have crystallized into realities.

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SpContext

MAN proposing the construction of Jerusalem's first glass office building — throwing glass, as it were, at the city's stone houses — is a Philistine from the coastal town of Haifa, but he is not a third-generation Jerusalemite. His office is on a street named after his grandfather who built one of the first stone houses in Rehavia. He is rooted in stone and I love it, says architect Ya'acov Molho, "but I've come to the conclusion that it is very limiting. It's for low-rise buildings where it's built up layer by layer, but it goes against the logic of stone to use it in a high-rise office block where you're just using it as a facade."

Molho's design for an 11-storey complex opposite the old Zedek Hospital on Jaffa Road is to be considered next week by a local planning subcommittee. The committee may be astonished to hear that the capital's top planning official, City Engineer Niv, not only supports the proposal but believes Jerusalem needs more towers.

Much of Niv's department mentally disagrees with him and anate conservatism hereabouts the proposal little prospect of success. But it has raised one of the interesting architectural issues Jerusalem faces in years, one that has to do with philosophy as well as aesthetics.

USALEMITES have been using stone for some 5,000 years because Nature said it made — it is the most readily available building material in the surroundings. For the last 60 years or so they have also built in stone because the law said they had to. British decided to codify the use of stone building out of the availability of modern materials might alter the cityscape. A bylaw was retained by the municipality after their departure, when regional quarries were

HARD to get up in the morning these days without being plagued by feelings of inadequacy, that can be eased only by the presence, at one's still-pyjamaed desk, of teams of experts on an behaviour.

These, as one brushes one's teeth, be there to advise and support problems such as leadership, communication, phobias, negative posture, hydroponic king, creative divorce, immediate tap-dancing (as these are being written, still crucial in America), obesity acceptance, writer's block, sex, creative writing, Jewish values, different sh values, still other Jewish values, ethnic self-imagery, creative writing, consciousness lowering, bilingualism, mix-n-match

MAGE A RUBINSTEIN — the Tel Aviv Quartet (Haim Tash, Lazer Shostak, Benjamin, Uzi Wiesel); with Pina nna, piano; Marcel Bergman, cello; and Niv, harp. December 21. Schumann: Quintet, op.44; Schubert: String Quartet, D.153.

S CONCERT, on the first anniversary of Arthur Rubinstein's death, included two works close to late maestro's heart, and the finale, was most suitable. The "March" in the Schumann, the many sad and exquisitely imitative moments in the Schubert, a special atmosphere, particularly since the artists involved shared to have the late, beloved artist in mind in their restrained, late presentation.

Often happens on such occasions, it seemed that there were a few people in the hall who needed a concert for the first time. Laughter erupted at the wrong time and coughing season was with it, a vengeance, not to speak of effects of children moving in and out and people leaving early. Usherettes did not even attempt to maintain a semblance of quiet order.

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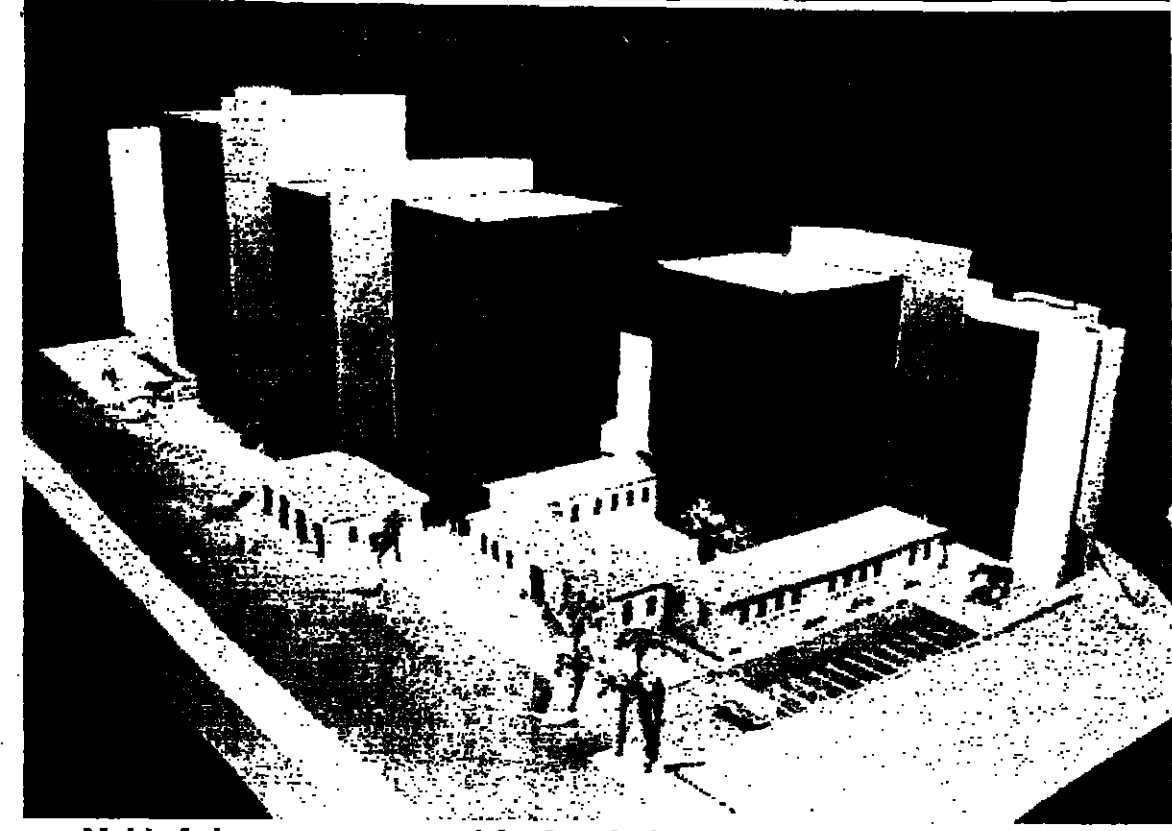
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THE GLASS REVOLUTION

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Model of glass structures proposed for Jerusalem's Jaffa Road (left) opposite old Shaare Zedek Hospital. Stone columns between glass curtain walls would house elevator shafts. Low buildings comprise former Sephardi Old Age Home.

no longer accessible during the 19 years Jerusalem was divided after 1948, and stone had to be brought in from Galilee.

"Stone is what gives Jerusalem its character and its architectural unity," says Yisrael Kimche, head of the municipality's policy planning division. "It connects the city historically from antiquity to the present day. It gives unity despite the differences in style. Because of the limitations it imposes, even mediocre architecture is passable. Jerusalem is not a city of great architecture but of small ensembles built in stone and creating the general atmosphere."

After the Six Day War, the Housing Ministry decided to adhere to stone construction in the new neighbourhoods built on the periphery of the expanded city despite the 15 per cent increase in cost this entailed and the argument that these neighbourhoods were outside the historic confines of Jerusalem. "This saved the new neighbourhoods," says Kimche.

It was admiration for the past that motivated his choice of glass, says Molho, not modern modishness. The site he planned for the owners, the Rimonim Company, includes the Sephardi Old Age Home which the municipality has designated for preservation.

"I thought of glass because it is a material whose essence is derived from what is around it. It reflects and is transparent. It would enhance the old-age home by setting it off — preservation by contrast."

STONE in high-rise buildings is structurally absurd, says Molho, while materials like concrete and plaster are out of place in Jerusalem. That leaves glass. In of

ice towers, glass is especially suitable, he says, because it permits the interiors to be rearranged to suit changing needs, with window space guaranteed in any configuration.

These arguments, and the prospect of seeing the project completed a year faster in glass than in stone, persuaded the developers to go with glass.

Unpersuaded, however, are the

bulk of the Jerusalem architectural community and the Council for a Beautiful Israel, whose Jerusalem branch has condemned the project. "We're absolutely against changing the building language in Jerusalem from stone to glass," says branch chairman Shlomo Aaronson. Opponents point out that the site, located on the watershed passing through the city, is visible from Mar Elias

and Gilo six kilometres to the south and from Mount Scopus three kilometres east. The tinted glass, they say, would constitute a dark and foreign "blob" on the cityscape. "It stands on the rim of a bowl that includes the government centre and university and it will draw attention to itself as if it were the most important building in the area," says a municipality planner.

CITY ENGINEER Niv believes that glass towers in Jerusalem, carefully placed, would not clash with the city's basic stone composition but enrich it. "If you put a crystal-like needle in the middle of a low-rise, stone-built area it becomes a non-building," he says. "It would reflect what is around it — a heap of stone and in the middle a jewel."

Behind much of the opposition to any glass construction, he says, is the fear that if permitted it would get out of hand and be thrown up promiscuously. However, it could be controlled by designating, within the official city outline plan, the specific sites where glass construction is permitted.

Not just esthetics but changing technologies and the changing scale of building require rethinking of the stone-only concept in Jerusalem, says Niv. Plastering high-rise facades with stone as is presently done is "counterfeit," he adds, while office buildings and certain hotels would profit from more open facades than are available with conventional construction.

Opponents argue that the Molho proposal is being made at a time when glass buildings are going out of fashion around the world because of energy conservation. A misunderstanding, says Molho. For one thing, many glass buildings are still being built. For another, his building may look like an all-glass building because of its glass curtain wall, but in reality two-thirds of it — the space between floors — is backed by insulation panels made of metal, plaster and other materials that make it more energy saving than a conventional construction.

OPPONENTS warn that putting up a glass building in a city where

horns go off is like going to war with an umbrella rather than a helmet. "One big explosion and the building will be naked," says Kimche.

In addition, maintenance problems may make the edifice an eyesore. All the glass is imported and large-scale breakage may constitute a problem. While stone matures, glass gets dirty and frequent cleaning is necessary.

The large and generally unkempt glass front of Bnei Hachama is cited by opponents as an example of what is likely to happen with any glass structure in the city.

In the end, it is not technical points but psychological factors that will decide the issue. David Fields, a Jerusalem Municipality planner, sees the city going through a mid-life crisis — city-planning-wise — with the need to shed staidness for "shirts open to the navel to show you're still virile." Says he: "There's this feeling that the world is passing us by and that we've missed something. A few years ago it was high-rise buildings. We built a few and then said 'Oh, God, are we coming down?' Now the same sort of thing is happening with glass, even though the rest of the world has stopped it, more or less."

The creeping glassification of Jerusalem has already begun with the large glassed areas of the tower next to the Harishim department store, and those planned for the tower being built at Zion Square. Several years ago plans were approved — but never implemented — for a new hotel on the site of the old East Hotel opposite the Old City Wall at Zahal Square. It was to have had large glassed areas, and the philosophic justification was that they would reflect the stones of the wall. Fields repeats that he sees these projects as the "see-through-house" phase of mid-life self-expression.

"Now we've summoned up the courage and want to go topless."

Age of experts

By HELGA DUDMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

washout on blowing his nose creatively. The time is thus probably ripe for an International Experts' Interplay Conference, to be held next spring in Jerusalem. Here, Ms. How-to-be-Lovable could engage in fruitful mutual exchange with Prof. How-to-sit-with-your-kid-in-kindergarten. Plumbers and electricians would be ineligible, since the world would still have to keep running. (What would be the collective noun for Experts, as in

Gaggle of Geese? A Quibble of Experts?)

MY ONE sphere of expertise is blowing on a blade of grass and getting a piercing whistle — grass, that is, in the original, innocent, William Blake sense.

Actually, it's not my only expertise. I don't like to brag, but I can also wiggle my ears and have done so in academic circles on three continents. And without wrinkling the

forehead, a flaw which occurs below the MA level.

However, noting the importance of specialization in today's fragmented world, I would choose to participate in the Jerusalem Experts' Conference at the grass-whistling event. This is not an esoteric field, and I have come across other practitioners. But for those who do not quite understand and may wish an introductory survey, here's what you do.

First, import your instrument. It should be a flawless blade of grass, preferably unsprayed. The smaller, younger ones make higher squeaks. Now, place one end of blade firmly yet tenderly between A and B. The fatty portions at base of thumbs. Feel relaxed, yet tense. Next, insert tip of grass blade (CD) between tips of thumbs (MS). Grass must be free to vibrate in that little curvy place between thumbs, like a tiny violin string or a liberated woman, or an unstable dotted line. Grass must be disciplined, yet also ineffably sensitive.

Now blow. It probably won't work the first time, and maybe not even the 20th, in which case you will have to have a weekend of group training on the lawn. Please remember that I didn't get where I

am without years of inner seeking and much blowing.

But ah, the rewards! Nowadays, when I go piping down the valleys wild, a motley crowd materializes, and follows bewitched, from tiny toddlers to dirty old men (It happened just this morning, really and truly.)

Expert grass-blowing provides us with models for Leadership, Workshop Encounters, Breathing, Thumb Therapy, Advanced Scene Making (Women Only) and Sociology, though I am not positive about the last as it may already have had its little day.

It may be pointed out that after you have blown on your grass, you may then chew on it. But this is a whole new kettle of perimeters and parameters.

A fitting tribute

MUSIC REVIEWS

Prina Saltzman played her piano part so softly that her dynamics fitted perfectly into tonal balance with the strings, though one could not help but recall that the maestro performed the same part with much more gusto and healthy enjoyment.

Marcel Bergman, the second cello in the Schubert Quintet, blended well with the rest of the ensemble. In particular, the slow movement and the indescribably beautiful slow Trio of the Scherzo were given a well-controlled reading that maintained the music's moody content throughout. The passages in which the composer burst out in anguish and dramatic passion found deeply involved commitment in the players.

The quartet has changed its second violinist and, at first hearing, he seems to be a good acquisition. But, somehow, the group sounded constrained and too careful to give the best we are accustomed to expect.

is elegant, brilliant, fluent, giving a soloist many occasions to show digital brilliancy and poetic nature, which is exactly what Homero Franceschi did with aplomb. His pleasant appearance and straightforward execution of a demanding part won an enthusiastic response from the audience. One would like to hear this artist in a musically more challenging concerto.

Mendi Rodan and his musicians read the Schubert Symphony with healthy vitality and obvious enjoyment accompanying the soloist in complete unanimity and producing a sparkling, rhythmically precise and exciting *El amor brujo*.

This ensemble deserves a much better venue for its concerts in Beersheba, and it is high time that the city fathers do something about it.

YOHANAN BOEHM

ISRAEL SINFONETTA, Beersheba, Mendel Rodan conducting; with Homero Franceschi, piano (Conservatory Hall, Beersheba, December 22). Schubert: Symphony in D, No. 3, D.200; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto in D minor, No. 2, op.40, Mendel & Filla: Suite "El amor brujo."

IN ORDER not to miss this programme (another two concerts were scheduled concurrent with its presentation in Jerusalem), I had to go to Beersheba. But I don't regret making the trip, because the Israel Sinfonietta has achieved a special standard of performance — not only in terms of the *sine qua non* of technical perfection, but also because with it there is always an atmosphere of enjoyable music-making. This time, too, enjoyment outweighed reservations, though the programme did not promise to be particularly exciting or attractive: a Schubert Symphony from the composer's younger days (1815) which is excellently constructed and full of melody but not musically enriching — a very unoriginal piano concerto and some lovely music but very much over-played. That notwithstanding, the news about an extraordinary pianist travelled quickly to Jerusalem, and thus one is ready for a pilgrimage to the Negev capital.

Mendelssohn's Second Concerto

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA — Eliahu Inbal conducting; with Zehava Gal, mezzo-soprano (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, December 28). Anis Ma'ayan, "Qumran"; Ravel: "Shéhérazade," three poems for soprano and orchestra; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64.

MA'AYAN'S QUMRAN draws its inspiration from the Dead Sea scrolls and the landscape of the Judean wilderness. Impressionist and nebulous, it offers repetitive prayer-like intonations, climactic orchestral figuration and widely spaced heterophonic textures. All contribute to a continuously interesting, imaginative description of scenery and atmosphere. Conductor Inbal gave us, so it seemed, the most direct insight possible into the sources of Ma'ayan's inspiration.

No less pleasing were the Ravel songs, with their almost luscious treatment of sound and colour. Again, Conductor Inbal seemed completely absorbed and totally capable of relaying the composer's intentions. Zehava Gal contributed a mellow, well articulated voice and loving identification with the text but she did not always affirm herself strongly enough *vis à vis* the orchestra.

Surprisingly something similar happened in the Tchaikovsky but this time between conductor and orchestra. Inbal seemed inspired to possess clear intentions, but the orchestra's response was half-hearted. The result was un-

forgivable negligence. The slow movement, however, was exquisite with Meir Rimon playing a flawless horn solo. **BENJAMIN BAR-AM**

ALL-BACH — Uzi Wiesel, cello; Arnan Wiesel, piano (Targ Music Centre, Jerusalem — Eliahu Inbal, December 19). Sonata No. 1, in G; Toccata for piano in D; Sonata No. 2, in G; Solo Suite No. 3, in C; Sonata No. 2, in D.

TO SUCCESSFULLY present five full-length works by Bach requires intellectual stamina and physical strength on the part of the performing artists, and unabating interest and concentrated listening on the part of the audience. These requirements were fulfilled all round, and the evening provided a feast of committed playing, excellent, clear readings of complex counterpoint, ingenuities and transparent dynamics to bring out all the various parts in their importance to the general texture.

Arnan Wiesel, at 22, follows in the footsteps of his father as a serious, devoted and reliable servant of music — and, it seems, with a particular understanding of Bach's art.

However, though technically brilliant in execution, the Toccata was played rather too quickly, and it was interpreted by the young pianist a bit too strongly and aggressively. The Toccata was written by Bach in the early period of his life and its freshness and somewhat simple writing may invite some boisterousness, but I doubt that the young Bach possessed the characteristics of a young *sabro* and that he would have played this piece in this manner.

The father-and-son team obviously spends a lot of time playing together and, consequently, the intertwining web of counterpoint writing was brought out seamlessly and convincingly, with the pianist's temperament now strictly controlled and dynamics blended excellently.

Uzi Wiesel's full, smooth and singing cello sound is always a most positive experience, and his mature

understanding of the master's intentions is an undiluted pleasure.

With his stature as a cellist assured, one looks forward to the development of young Arnan's career as pianist, both in ensemble and in solo appearances.

RECITAL — Lawrence Cherney, oboe (Canada); Ruth Mayoral, harp (YMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, December 18). Handel: Sonata; Beethoven: Suite for Harp Solo; Gellert: Aria of a Fragment for Oboe and Harp (1911); Britten: a Metamorphosis after Ovid; Bartok: Folk songs, arr. for Oboe and Harp; Ravel: *Pavane pour une infante défunte*.

A GOOD team-mate in an excellent ensemble does not necessarily make a good soloist. Mr. Cherney, a member of the York Wind Ensemble, which has visited Israel with great success, did not show any qualification for being a soloist — no personal involvement was apparent, no lively, elastic interpretation, but above all, his performance is limited to a very small range of tone colours and dynamics.

The oboe is one of the most elastic and expressive singing instruments, but none of its qualities was brought out in this recital. The harpist, too, did not add any musical enjoyment: she attended to her parts with conscientious reliability, but no more.

The Suite for Harp Solo by Britten is a rather complex and difficult work; nevertheless, this reading fell far short of being considered even satisfactory.

In addition, the poor soloist had to compete with the carillon, which was broadcasting Christmas tunes, and the noisy traffic outside. As if this were not enough, the hall was unheated and draughty, all of which added up to a rather unhappy affair.

Musically, the only compensation for the ordeal was the selection of Bartok's Folk songs, arranged for oboe and harp. In their short lines, they conveyed more beautiful music than other, more elaborate compositions. The piece by Arthur Gellert has to be heard in a more committed and involved presentation to be fully appreciated.

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Mr. Reagan's double track

IN THEIR angry reaction to the American-sponsored meeting between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Yasser Arafat last Thursday, Israeli officials have taken particular offence at what Premier Yitzhak Shamir has described as the attempted revival of a militarily defeated PLO as a political force in the area. What really ails officials here, however, seems to be the possibility that a reconciliation between the two former Arab enemies may lead to a revival of the Reagan initiative, which was assumed to have been junked or at least frozen.

The threat to Israel, then, is that the recently concluded strategic cooperation agreement with the U.S., hailed as uniquely cementing ties between the two countries, may be eclipsed by controversy over the peaceful resolution of the Palestinian problem.

Had Egypt's president hosted a triumphant Arafat, it would have had a more menacing meaning. But the meeting was more in the nature of a salvage operation, designed to show that Arafat, though bruised and beaten, still holds political leverage. And from the U.S. standpoint it was meant to signal some hope, however slim, that the peace process, now at a complete standstill, could perhaps be revived — by a more desperate Arafat offering King Hussein the approval he feels he needs to join talks with Israel.

Israel would have had genuine ground for complaint, too, if the U.S. were now prepared to break its own commitment of September 1975 not to have direct contact with the PLO until that organization recognized Israel's right to exist and accepted Resolutions 242 and 338. But Washington has just reaffirmed that it is interested in establishing formal ties with the PLO only if these conditions are fully met.

In making their stand in the matter clear, the Americans have indicated no shift from their previous opposition to the idea of an independent Palestinian state, which is demanded by all factions of the PLO. What the U.S. is telling Israel at the same time is that it is still wedded to the notion, which underlies 242, that an Arab-Israeli peace must be based on an exchange of territory for peace and security.

It is this notion which President Reagan fleshed out in his September 1982 proposal for "self-government by the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan." That proposal was turned down flat by the Begin cabinet. The argument was not that Mr. Reagan was seeking to impose his solution on Israel prior to the start of negotiations on the final status of the territories, but that implementation of the suggested formula would pose "a serious danger" to Israel. Therefore, it could not serve as the basis for "any negotiations."

The primacy assigned at the time to pacifying Lebanon was one of the reasons this difference of opinion did not blow up into a major dispute. But now Mr. Reagan is reported to believe that "enough progress" has been made in Lebanon to allow the U.S. to "go forward with the peace movement." And the direction such movement must take was plainly outlined in his old plan.

The Israeli idea of pre-empting Camp David by settlements that ensure the eventual annexation of the West Bank and Gaza does not, it appears, commend itself to this most friendly U.S. president now any more than it did before.

Thus only a few weeks after American-Israeli relations were declared to be in pink shape, sharp differences have emerged. Any more serious confrontation may be stayed off by escalating belligerence in Lebanon, by the internal PLO opposition to Arafat, by Syrian interference, or by King Hussein's ambivalence. Many weeks will have to pass before the picture becomes clear. But it would be unwise to conclude, as the government perhaps did, that Israel's present policy will be immune from American challenge for as long as Mr. Reagan is America's president.

HAGOEI SURVIVES

(Continued from Page One)

back to the cabinet, Modi' would win his colleagues' approval for Hagoei's ouster.

The debate over Hagoei was particularly "unpleasant," in the words of one minister, because a week ago the cabinet was required to address itself to the firing of another high official, Lands Administration chief Meir Shamir. There, too, the minister concerned, Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper, claimed incompatibility.

The corporation's board is made up of 16 members who are appointed by the ministers of energy and finance. Some are government officials, who act as watchdogs, and the rest are supposed to look after the public interest. In practice, however, they are usually friends or members of the particular minister's party.

In the past specific requests from the energy minister have been approved even though the chairman and some members of the board have not always been in favour.

The minister also has the right to call an emergency meeting of the board if he so desires.

Electric Corporation general

manager, Yitzhak Hofi, said yesterday that he had not yet decided whether to resign. But he stressed that his announcement to the board of directors last Thursday had not been an act.

It was not meant to be taken as a threat nor as a factor in the board's consideration of Modi's request to dismiss Hagoei and replace him with board member Amos Proshan. "I just felt that I had to say that I was considering resigning, but I did not say it for nothing," said Hofi.

Hofi said he had established a good working relationship with Hagoei which had been for the benefit of the corporation as a whole. He had supported all of the decisions for which Hagoei had been criticized by Modi.

He declined to comment on whether he thought the proposal to replace Hagoei was politically motivated.

Hofi was replying to questions from reporters at a press conference yesterday which had been called specifically to highlight the report of the Electric Corporation's internal inquiry into the nationwide power failure on November 10. But he found himself being cross-examined by reporters about the power struggle now taking place.

It is known that Hofi does not have good relations with Proshan and that the two have clashed on matters of policy on several occasions during board meetings.

"I'LL SETTLE accounts with you yet!" shouted an enraged Pessah Grupper at Labour kibbutznik Ya'acov Tsur in the Knesset chamber last week.

The setting was a motion for the agenda that Tsur was presenting on the cabinet's dismissal, at Grupper's insistence, of Meir Shamir, director of the Israel Lands Administration.

What aroused Grupper's ire was Tsur's reference to a story in the weekly *Kotzer Roshit* charging that Grupper, then deputy agriculture minister, had meddled in the operations of the ILA in order to get special privileges for someone close to him.

Grupper can take pride in the support he got from his Likud colleagues, but they themselves have nothing to be proud of.

When Tsur mentioned the *Kotzer Roshit* accusation, Deputy Education Minister Miryam Glazer-Ta'ass called out sarcastically, "Did they really write that?" She was followed in short order by Pinhas Goldstein, Yitzhak Seyger, and Akiva Nof, all of whom professed to be shocked at Tsur's irresponsibility in citing a press report.

Lawyer Ehud Olmert walked in a few minutes later, during a second round of shouting and, without knowing what was going on, interjected: "The libel law does not cover anything said by an MK from the Knesset rostrum."

Tsur's point had been that Grupper's failure to sue the paper for libel, or to react publicly in any other manner, meant that the charge still stood.

Speaker Menachem Savidor joined Grupper's defenders, to the point of sounding like his

Tammany Hall, Israel-style

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

spokesman. It is legitimate to quote a newspaper, he said, but not to say that if the minister did not react the accusation stands: "There are newspapers that, in the minister's opinion, one need not pay any attention to."

Savidor did not reprimand Grupper for calling Tsur a liar, an epithet that even in the free-wheeling Knesset has always been regarded as unparliamentary. Both Savidor and Grupper belong to the Liberal wing of the Likud.

ONCE, when then-defence minister Ariel Sharon was strongly attacked in the Knesset, the prime minister was criticized for having Sharon deliver the government's reply instead of replying himself.

In the case at hand, although what was being attacked was a decision of the cabinet (last Sunday, by a vote of nine to five), the government's reply was delivered not by Grupper's superior but by Deputy Minister Michael Dekel, his subordinate. This is possibly the first time the government showed such poor parliamentary taste, and it does not speak well for Yitzhak Shamir's courage or leadership.

Dekel asserted that it is a minister's prerogative to bring about the appointment of "the director-general of a ministry or of the ILA" with whom he can cooperate.

The right of a minister to hire and fire the director-general of his ministry at his pleasure has the sanction of tradition. But the director of the Israel Lands Administration is appointed not by the minister but by the government. For Dekel to lump the two together was misleading.

It is even a misnomer to call the ILA head "the director-general." Not only does the law refer to him as "the director," but that is what he is called in practice.

TSUR'S DEMAND that Grupper refute the *Kotzer Roshit* charge overshadowed the real issue, which Tsur also discussed. That is the campaign of the Farmers Federation, which Grupper once headed, to sell national lands to private individuals with no restrictions on how the land may be used — agriculture, industry or dwellings. Grupper wants to "defrost" the State Lands, and in this he goes

along not only with the Farmers Federation but also with the Liberal Party platform. To achieve this he would, to begin with, have to get a majority in the 23-member council of the ILA. This body is appointed by the government, 11 of its members being nominated by the Jewish National Fund.

Nobody but Meir Shamir himself knows whether he would have fought Grupper's hope of changing the policy on land sales or whether all he cares about is that the law and ILA policy, whatever they say, be carried out to the letter.

But there is another factor in the equation, and this may be the main reason for Grupper's determination to get rid of Meir Shamir. Shamir is regarded as a Labour man. Moshe Lipka, a lawyer, who is to succeed him, is active in the Liberal Party.

Lipka was appointed deputy director of the ILA in August 1982, although he had no previous administrative experience or any special knowledge of land problems.

For what it is worth, one ILA source (I do not say "sources" or "circles") says that despite Shamir's undisputed ability and integrity, his departure will be less of a blow to the ILA than the fact that it is Lipka who will replace him.

A NUMBER of people have a lot to answer for. The minister of finance shares with the minister of agriculture responsibility for carrying out the Israel Lands Law. Yoram Aridor, before he resigned as finance minister, was set on blocking Meir Shamir's ouster. But Yigal Cohen-Orgad has been

very quiet. Live and let live. Deputy Prime Minister Levi was one of Meir's chief supporters. But he was last Sunday, when the cabinet was in session, the only one to reach him in the hope of the vote postponed, but too late. I trust that whatever accomplished in France was important than keeping an administrator in his job.

The prime minister's abhorrence of a battle stance has already been red to.

And the Knesset? Ah, the set. The watchdog over the cabinet, where was the Knesset? Tsur's motion for a debate matter was defeated by a 36-30. The opposition vote on principle, of course. The principle was the non-political of the civil service or what government does is another question.

But the coalition? Where those Likud mavericks who were to demonstrating independence of the vote from time to time, and even voting against it.

Not content themselves with their consent by silence, they even saw fit to heckle him because they were s by what he said, or because wanted to demonstrate their to Grupper, right or wrong.

It's Tammany Hall, Israel-style non-political civil service? my laughter. To the victor the spoils. And the pub damned.

The writer is the Knesset reporter Jerusalem Post

'Son of Abba'

By DAVID LANDAU

any network's natural first-choice, must carefully limit his appearances, so as not to upstage Prime Minister Shamir.

And so, increasingly, the field is being led by Ehud Olmert — no longer so young, no longer so brash, reasoning rather than ranting and doing so in fluent and flawless English. The residual lift of an Israeli accent gives his appearances abroad regularly turn for comment and opinion. Herzog must now keep his political opinions to himself.

Another fine and polished performer in English, Menachem Begin, is also out of the running. Defence Minister Moshe Arens,

— Ehud Olmert's boyish good looks and unhesitant patter will as likely as not emanate from your set.

AND HE IS very good at it. If he weren't they wouldn't keep coming back to him. He is succinct, straightforward, witty and somehow manages to sound reasonable — indeed almost moderate — without transgressing his party's ideological taboos.

The Labour Party, after long years of unchallenged rule of the foreign air waves, simply has no one to match him — certainly no one of his own generation, the generation of coming men.

READERS' LETTERS

U.S. ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We would like to inform all U.S. citizens in the Rehovot area that an officer of the U.S. Consulate will be at Beit Gordon, 22 Levin-Epstein St., Rehovot, on Wednesday, January 11, at 7 p.m.

Americans wishing to vote in the November 1984 elections must first register and request an absentee ballot from their local boards of election. American citizens in the greater Rehovot area are invited to come and register at Beit Gordon.

Questions regarding voting procedures will be answered. Information regarding the Overseas Postal Primaries will be made

public. All those wishing to register are requested to bring their U.S. passport along.

DANIEL NADEL, Chairman
American Citizens Abroad
Rehovot.

PENFRIENDS

RONALD J. CORTE (31), of 5915 N. 100th Plaza No.2, Omaha, Nebraska 68134, has worked for 14 years in law enforcement, but was furloughed due to department cutbacks. He is now studying psychology, sociology and criminal justice at college and would like to correspond with Israeli women studying at university.

GALA WEDDING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am saddened and angry after reading reports about the gala wedding of the daughter of MK Avraham Shapira.

How can this man, who claims to be a leader among Jews, have such a lack of feeling or understanding? To spend \$250,000 for a wedding at a time when Israel has such economic problems is out of all proportion.

As a Jew, staunch Zionist, and American citizen, I must re-evaluate my attitude about donations of money to such people.

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